Redevelopment Opportunities for Women, Inc. St. Louis, MO

Project Title Economic Action Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$25,000

Nonfederal Support \$25,000

Project Period September 2002 – September 2007

Highlights The Redevelopment Opportunities for Women (ROW) is

offering 10 IDAs for home purchase, education or business development. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$2,000 in participant savings over 48 months. The project is designed to address the multiple barriers that low-income battered women face. It does so by providing, in addition to core financial literacy training, such services as childcare, transportation, crisis management, structured planning exercises, mentoring, peer support, counseling,

and credit repair.

Target Population Battered women and individuals residing within

emergency shelter programs in the City of St. Louis and

St. Louis County, Missouri.

Grantee/Collaborative Description ROW is a Community Development Corporation. In

2000, ROW brought together 11 domestic violence agencies and four homeless shelter programs in a consortium to address economic issues facing battered women. ROW developed a comprehensive economic education and IDA program with support from 15 partner agencies. The nonfederal match is from State tax credits, civic or fraternal organizations, financial institutions, and individuals. US Bank is the financial partner institution.